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Dear Sir:

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION - AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 17, line 1, with the following:

In order to avoid erroneous reuse of a needle once it has been housed within a housing member, non-return means, such as a check valve 6, may be formed. For example, forming a check valve 6 shown in FIG. 6 in the reduced diameter part 24 in the middle or in the vicinity thereof prevents the hub 5 that has been housed in the increased diameter part 22 on the base end side from returning to the increased diameter part 21 on the forward end side.